

↳years. I know how lie opposed the overthrow of the Directory ; but I also know that the Prince has long been sincerely attached to you.' — 'Well, I dare say you are right. But we have not understood each other. It is now too late. He has his interests and his policy, and I have mine.<sup>71</sup>

"Such," added the Prince, "were the Emperor's last observations respecting me two hours before my departure. The individual to whom I have just alluded spoke truly, my dear Bourrienne. I am indeed sorry to leave France ; and I never should have left it but for the injustice of Bonaparte. If ever I ascend the throne of Sweden I shall owe my crown to his ill-treatment of me; for had he not persecuted me by his animosity my condition would have sufficed for a soldier of fortune : but we must follow our fate."

During the three days the Prince spent with me I had many other conversations with him. He wished me to give him my advice as to the course he\*, should pursue with regard to the Continental system. "I advise you," said I, "to reject the system without hesitation. It may be very fine in theory, but it is utterly impossible to (tarry it into practice, and it will, in the end, give the trade of the world to England. It excites the dissatisfaction of our allies, who, in spite of themselves, will again become our enemies. But no other country, except Russia, is in the situation of Sweden. You want a number of objects of the, first necessity, which nature\*, has withheld from you. You can only obtain them by perfect freedom of navigation ; and you can only pay for them with those peculiar productions in which Sweden abounds. It would be out of all reason to close your ports against a nation who rules the seas. It is your navy that would be blockaded, not hers. What can France do against you ? She may invade you by

<sup>1</sup> Sen<sup>1\*</sup> Metternich (vol. II. pp. 4(\*0-4r>5) for this account, al toady referred to, of his conversation with Napoleon on the <? hoī<o of Barnadottir'. Napoleon KOPiiH to have not really wixhcd for the Moltction of Itarnadotto, sewing the clangor of tho olivation of him offiorH. Hut, tho ohoion made, he wan ploitud to got rid of Barnadotto, "one of those\* old Jaroblim with his hoād *In the wrong place*, and \*\* in any ciw\*<o I could not refuso my consent, woto It only that, a French Marahal on the throne of UtihaviiH Adbiphun is one of the best le trirkn that could be played on England. Hoo also tho BIUIM volume.,

**p. Ci'l. where Mott^rnioh expr̄s'st<sup>t</sup> his belief that Napoleon had thought of one of his own family.**